

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1,6,11, and 20 have been rejected as being anticipated by Keller et al. under 35 USC 102; Claims 1,3,5, 6,8,10,11,13,15,16,18,20,22,24,25, and 27 have been rejected as being anticipated by Meyer under 35 USC 102; Claims 2,7, 12,17,19,21,26, and 28 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Meyer in view of Hartle et al. and Feistel under 35 USC 103; and Claims 4,9,14, and 23 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Meyer in view of Ruta et al. under 35 USC 103. Claims 1-11,16,20, and 25 have been cancelled, new Claims 29-36 have been inserted, and consequently, Claims 12-15,17-19,21-24, and 26-36 are now active in this patent application.

It is reiterated to the examiner that the present invention is directed toward, for example, a hot melt adhesive dispensing nozzle assembly wherein the same comprises, as can be appreciated from **FIGURE 6**, a nozzle member 212, a nozzle adaptor 220 within which the nozzle member 212 is seated, and a nozzle retainer 238 which is fixedly mounted upon the nozzle adaptor 220 so as to secure the nozzle member 212 within the nozzle adaptor 220. An end cap 252, fabricated from a suitable thermoplastic material, is fixedly mounted upon the nozzle retainer 238, and an air fitting ring member 266 is rotatably mounted upon the nozzle retainer 238. An air fitting 246 is mounted upon the air fitting ring member 266 so as to be rotatable, along with the air fitting ring member 226, around the longitudinal axis 226 of the nozzle member 212. Similar structural components are also disclosed within the hot melt adhesive applicator embodiment of **FIGURE 7**. It is submitted that the claimed assembly, comprising the aforesaid structural components, is not disclosed within any of the prior art of record, particularly, Keller et al., Meyer, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that new Claims 29 and 33 patentably define over all of such prior art of record.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that this patent application is now in condition for allowance, and therefore, an early and favorable action to this effect is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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